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SUSTAINABLE NATICK

JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

We got Solarize Mass!



Woot woot!

That's right faithful readers, Natick was selected by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to participate in the 2016 Solarize Mass program. This is [exciting news](#) because the program has the opportunity to lower the cost of installing solar for Natick residents and small business owners by 5 to 15%.

It also comes at an exciting time as the federal government extended the [30% federal tax credit](#) for solar until 2019, and Massachusetts recently announced a low-interest [Solar Loan program](#). There is also new guidance from the state for [condo owners](#) who want to go

solar and, on top of everything else, the efficiency of solar continues to rise as the cost of panels falls, which means that **homes that previously weren't a good fit for solar may now be strong candidates.**

You'll definitely be hearing more about Solarize this spring. In the meantime, if you are interesting in getting involved, [we are looking for volunteers](#) to help with the campaign. Potential roles include: events coordinator, small business specialist, neighborhood solar ambassadors, public relations coordinator, social media coordinator, web czar, graphic designer, photographer, and more. We'll be organizing volunteers in February. Let us know if you are interested using this [form](#).

Thank you for your support and congratulations!

IN OTHER NEWS



It's alive!!

Natick Center's first electric car charging station is all juiced up and ready for your new [Tesla](#). The new Level II Dual charger is located in the parking lot between Pond and 135, on the Pond St. side. It offers charging for up to two vehicles, including the Town's electric car, and, come spring, the spots will be for electric vehicles only. Charging is free, but meter fees still apply.

Do you have an electric car and love technology? If yes, please help us complete our profile and rate the station on [Open Charge Map](#). Thanks!

Tune in on Monday night!

Natick's sustainability coordinator is presenting to the Board of Selectmen on recent initiatives and achievements. We're first on the agenda and are only on for five minutes, so there is no need to stay up late. There is, however, a need for [popcorn](#).



You can watch on channel 9 (Comcast), 28 (Verizon) or 15 (RCN), or online at <http://www.natickpegasus.org/>.



Ready for spring!

Last week 29 public and private local turf professionals received a free training on pesticide-free land care thanks to a grant the Town of Natick was awarded from Beyond Pesticides.

Did your lawn care company go? Ask and see if they can offer organic options to you when the grass returns.

PS: Have a friend who might be interested in our newsletter? Tell them to sign up [here](#).

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